



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota has one of the best educated work forces in the world and is the third most education-intensive job market in the nation; and
- WHEREAS: According to the Georgetown University Center for Education and the Workforce, by 2018, seventy percent of Minnesota's job openings will require at least some college. A high school diploma is no longer enough to guarantee career-track employment that provides a living wage; and
- WHEREAS: According to the United States Department of Education, the annual median income of someone with a bachelor's degree or higher has outpaced the earnings of someone with only a high school diploma or its equivalent; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Education is dedicated to ensuring that all Minnesota Pre-K-12 students are provided a high-quality education that prepares them for success in college and career; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Office of Higher Education provides a comprehensive website where students can apply online to almost 200 public and private colleges and universities in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: During the week of November 14-18, many Minnesota colleges and universities will accept an application fee waiver for those students with a demonstrated financial need in order to ensure that no student is deprived of the opportunity to pursue admission to the institution(s) of their choice due to financial hardship; and
- WHEREAS: All Minnesota high schools may participate in this initiative, and seventeen Minnesota high schools have indicated they are planning to pilot a program, with the assistance of trained school staff and volunteers, that aims to assist all their seniors in completing a college application.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 14-18, 2011 as:

MINNESOTA COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 31st day of October.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE